

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Illinois Small Business and Workforce Development Task Force Act.

Section 5. Illinois Small Business and Workforce Development Task Force. The Illinois Small Business and Workforce Development Task Force is created as a 17-member Task Force. Four members of the Task Force shall be appointed by each legislative leader. One of the appointees by each legislative leader shall be a person representing small business, one of the appointees shall be a person representing labor, and 2 of the appointees shall be members of the General Assembly. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation, but may be reimbursed for their expenses from appropriations available for that purpose. The Chairperson of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees or his or her designee shall be the chairperson of the Task Force. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chair. Each Task Force member shall have a 2-year term. A legislative leader may appoint a replacement member upon the death, disability, or resignation of any member appointed by that leader.

Section 10. Administrative support. The University of Illinois shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.

Section 15. Task Force duties. The Task Force shall identify issues of importance to small business that may be addressed by the 98th General Assembly and future General Assemblies. The Task Force shall make recommendations regarding the issues identified. The issues and recommendations shall address access to capital, State procurement policies, State regulatory policies, program sustainability, and workforce concerns.

Section 20. Findings and recommendations. By November 30, 2013, and by November 30 of every year thereafter, the Task Force shall submit a report to the General Assembly setting forth its findings and recommendations. The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker, Minority Leader, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, the President, Minority Leader, and Secretary of the Senate, and the Legislative Research Unit as required under Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act.

Section 97. Repeal. This Act is repealed January 1, 2017.

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.